

Dear Sir:

The Consumer Bankers Association (CBA) has chosen to challenge Indiana's Telephone Privacy law in a proceeding before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The CBA is attempting to impose the federal "established business relationship" exemption on Indiana consumers.

It is my belief that the telephone line to my home, paid for by me, is part of my property. I feel that it is my option to decide who may use that line, both out-going and in-coming calls. I have chosen to prevent unsolicited calls to my home from merchants by enrolling in the Indiana Telephone Privacy list. Just because there is a so called "business relationship" between a merchant and myself, it does not entitle the merchant to invade my privacy with unsolicited calls in attempts to sell unwanted goods and/or services. Repeated unsolicited calls from the same merchant amounts to a form of harassment and even stalking. You would never allow a private individual to constantly bombard you with telephone calls. Then do not allow a merchant to do the same in the name of "business relationship".

I am urging, if not demanding, that the FCC deny the petition filed by the Consumer Bankers Association.

Sincerely,
Hugh McVicker